Explosion in Jubiliant Organosys at Gajraula

†*53. SHRI KAMAL **AKHTAR:** Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that locaj residents have fled after hearing the news of explosion in Jubiliant Organosys situated at Gajraula in Uttar Pradesh in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the efforts made/proposed to be made by Government to ensure enforcement of environmental norms in the factories located in this area in order to ensure safety of public at large;

(d) the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons for neglecting the safety of public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) The Director of Factories, Uttar Pradesh and the Joint Chief Controller of Explosives, Nagpur have confirmed, that as per their records there was no incident of any fire/explosion/toxic gas release in M/s Jubiliant Organosys Plant at Gajraula in the recent past. As per the District Magistrate, Jyotiba Phule Nagar some newspapers have carried reports of local residents leaving the locality due to rumours of an eminent explosion in the said factory.

(c) to (e) In addition to the Factories Act, 1948, the Explosive Act, 1884 and rules thereunder and the U.P. Factories Rules, 1950 and the U.P. Factories (Control of Industrial Major Accident Hazards) Rules, 1996 dealing with safety in the handling of hazardous chemicals in industries, the Government of India has notified the Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemicals Rules, 1989 amended in 2000 and the Chemical Accidents (Emergency Planning, Preparedness and Response) Rules, 1996 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. These rules stipulates preparation of an On-Site emergency plan by the occupier and an offsite plan by the District Collector and constitution of a four tier Crisis Management System at the Center, State, district and local level for management of chemical accidents, respectively.

The Chief Inspector of Factories/Director of Factories is the authority responsible for monitoring the implementation of the rules. As stipulated, under the Chemical Accidents (Emergency Planning, Preparedness and Response) Rules, 1996, a District level Crisis Group has been constituted for the said district on 21.12.2003.

Sports and cultural activities in Assam

***54. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS:** Will the Minister of **DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION** be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects sanctioned in Assam for development of sports and cultural activities during last three years, district-wise; and

(b) the present status of implementation of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) The details of projects for the development of sports and

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